

CEPP Meeting
November 4, 2024 @10:10-11:10am
Library 128A

CEPP Members: Anna Barnes, Adrian Bautista, Heather Hurst, Nick Junkerman, Natalie Koegler, Kelly Sheppard, Bob Turner, Corey Freeman-Gallant, Jamin Totino

Absent: Dorothy Mosby, Robert ParkeHarrison, Amy Frappier

Scribe: Heather Hurst

Agenda items:

1. Announcements
2. Approve minutes for 10/28
3. Visit from Cori Filson, OCSE

1. Minutes for 10/28 were approved.

2. Agenda items for next week identified as assessment reports & textbook cost initiative.

3. Cori Filson presented on OCSE Future Planning

- a. History of existing program and comprehensive fee structure was explained.
- b. Major change in 2005 to a comprehensive fee structure enabled financial aid to transfer and achieved greater access and inclusion in participation in study abroad experiences.
- c. Cori stated that Skidmore has never asked OCSE to look at cost when evaluating programs. Recognizing that program provider fees are ~80% of Academic Affairs' Services & Supplies budget, Cori is proactively curating the portfolio to reduce costs while maintaining or improving quality wherever possible.
- d. Currently looking at "adaptive solutions" throughout the portfolio of abroad programs; gave example of Syracuse Florence with \$40K fee per semester per student will be exchanged for CEA CAPA Florence at \$20K fee per semester per student. This change was based on a decline in the quality of the Syracuse program and has been under consideration for several semesters; the cost differential now makes this change even more advantageous.
- e. Effort being made to negotiate institutional pricing for the first time, which results in a reduction in fees in some of the most popular programs.
- f. Emphasized and highlighted these changes will not reduce student choice and they will maintain high quality programming. Financial savings by these changes are significant reduction in overall budget (in FY26, the saving is projected to be more than \$500K or ~5% of Academic Affairs' Services and Supplies budget).
- g. An item in consideration would be a policy change to cap the number of study abroad experiences at 2 (semester abroad / travel seminar). Note, only 10 students had more than 2 study abroad experiences in class '24.
- h. Action items:

- i. CEPP will need to review and approve changes to the study abroad portfolio (Skidmore's programs would be reviewed by CEPP as whole; approved programs reviewed by Chair only).
- ii. Chair will share a brief summary with the Faculty at meeting Nov. 15.